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ABSTRACT

At the Earth Summit held at Rio in June 1992, the leaders of more than 170 countries were able to adopt by consensus a common global strategy, an agenda for action, namely Agenda 21, that envisions a future that will be prosperous, equitable, and sustainable. This book contains a collection of essays by leading environmental philosophers, theologians, ecologists, and scientists that address the ethical issues posed by Agenda 21. The essays cover a range of unique perspectives, from the social and economic point of view, to the science and technology point of view, to the religious and spiritual standpoint. Essays include: (1) "Toward a Global Environmental Ethic" (J. Baird Callicott); (2) "Sustainable Values" (Ross McCluney); (3) "Ethical Implications of Agenda 21" (Hazel Henderson); (4) "People, Population, Prosperity, and Place" (Holmes Rolston, III); (5) "Ethics and the Lack of Definitions" (David Rothenberg); (6) "For the Sake of Earth and People" (Dieter T. Hessel); (7) "UNCED: Ethics and Development from the Indigenous Point of View" (Jose Dualok Rojas); (8) "An Earth Ethic for Survival" (Larry L. Rasmussen); (9) "The Scientific and Ethical Implications of Agenda 21: Biodiversity" (John Lemons & Eleanor Saboski); (10) "The Scientific and Ethical Implications of Agenda 21: Toxic Chemicals" (John Lemons & Eleanor Saboski); (11) "Environmental Ethics, Uncertainty, and Limited Data" (Kristin Shrader-Frechette); (12) "Equity, Consent, and Hazardous Waste" (Kristin Shrader-Frechette); (13) "Ethical Issues and Agenda 21: Waste and Pollution Policies" (Eric Katz); (14) "Implementation of Agenda 21: A Baha'i Perspective" (Peter Adriance); (15) "Preservation of the Inner Environment" (Samdhong Rinpoche); (16) "A Theological/Ethical Response to Agenda 21" (Sallie McFague); (17) "Islamic Ethics and Environment" (Mohammad T. Mehdi); and (18) "On That Day, God's Name Shall Be One: Jewish Ethics and Agenda 21" (Bradley Shavit Artson). Appended is a Summary of Agenda 21. (JRH)

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